

## ***Strategies Included in the Study of Access to High Quality Early Learning***

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	<b>Strategies/Annual Implementation Cost</b>	<b>Staged Implementation</b>
<b>1. Support Parents, Families and Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure (needs assessment and advisory board--\$500,000)</li> <li>• Enhanced resource and referral line, expansion of Child Profile, MIS (\$902,813)</li> <li>• Home-visiting models (to reach 15% of low-income families, or approximately 7,000 families with children birth to six--\$28 million)</li> <li>• Parent education workshops (to reach 20% of low-income families, or approximately 9,400 families with children birth to six--\$7.7 million)</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated statewide cost: \$37 million (annual)</b></p>	<p>\$6.9 million in 2007-08 (15%) \$10.9 million in 2008-09 (25%)</p> <p><b>Biennial Total: \$17.8 million</b></p>
<b>2. Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver Supports</b>	<p>Provide a menu of options for supporting FFN caregivers based on the established King County model and extended statewide. The supports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated Play and Learn groups (to reach approximately 11,600 children).</li> <li>• Ready, Set, Go bags (to reach 15% of caregivers).</li> <li>• Taking Care of Children booklets (to reach 45% of caregivers).</li> <li>• System integration with other social service agencies.</li> <li>• Infrastructure for coordination, technical assistance, public awareness.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated statewide cost: \$4.6 million (annual)</b></p>	<p>\$0.71 million in 2007-08 (15%) \$1.2 million in 2008-09 (25%)</p> <p><b>Biennial Total: \$1.91 million</b></p>
<b>3. Provide Infrastructure for the Implementation of the Quality Rating and Improvement System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance: \$600,000 annually (includes state-level advisory committee and DEL implementation of QRIS).</li> <li>• QRIS Support: \$20.9 million annually (includes grants, accreditation fees, external assessment, mentoring and technical assistance).</li> </ul>	<p>Some Governance and Implementation functions would be implemented statewide during the scale-up period to build the necessary infrastructure for statewide expansion.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Care Resource &amp; Referral: \$8.1 million annually (core functions).</li> <li>• MIS: \$7 million (one-time development costs over a two-year period).</li> <li>• Evaluation: \$4 million (includes evaluating QRIS program operation and child outcomes over two years).</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated statewide cost: \$35.1 million (annual)</b></p>	<p>\$16 million in 2007-08 \$19 million in 2008-09</p> <p><b>Biennial estimate: \$35 million</b></p>
<b>4. ECEAP and Child Care Partnerships</b>	<p>Provide funding for high quality child care-ECEAP partnerships for children birth to age six regardless of parent's employment status. The cost allotment is based on estimates for serving just over half the children B-6 in half-day programs not otherwise eligible for child care subsidies.</p> <p><b>Estimated statewide cost: \$43 million</b> (assumes serving half of children birth to six up to two times the federal poverty line not otherwise eligible for child care subsidies)</p>	<p>\$7 million in 2007-08 \$11 million in 2008-09</p> <p><b>Biennial Total: \$18 million</b></p>
<b>5. Implement Comprehensive Package of High Quality Early Learning Services</b>	<p><b>Package includes items 1-4 plus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to teacher training/education including direct tuition and institutional subsidies, paid release time, expenses (child care, books and transportation)</li> <li>• Increased teacher compensation: Annual salary schedule for BA-level early education teachers is pegged to the annual salary of elementary school teachers: ~\$14.65. Salaries vary around this by education, experience, and position title and are estimated based on QRIS projections.</li> <li>• Increased center staff-child ratios for toddlers (from 1:7 to 1:5) and preschoolers (1:10 to 1:9) between QRIS Level 1 and Level 5 (tied to NAEYC accreditation requirements).</li> <li>• Scholarship support extended to families between 200 and 300% of FPL (approximately \$62,000/year for a family of four). The number of children served would be a 65% increase over the number of children currently served.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated statewide cost: \$348 million (annual)</b></p>	<p>Proposed phase-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First year of the biennium (2007 – 2008), implement comprehensive early learning package to 15% of families with children B-6.</li> <li>• Second year (2008 – 2009), expand services to an additional 10% of families with children B-6, for a total of 25% of children B-6.</li> <li>• Scale-up communities would have same scope of services, outreach, and eligibility as statewide recommendations, just on a smaller scale.</li> </ul> <p>\$91 million in 2007-08 \$134 million in 2008-09</p> <p><b>Biennial Total: \$225 million (inflation adjusted)</b></p>

<b>6. Raise Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates to the 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile</b>	<b>Estimated statewide cost: <u>\$32.6 million (includes school-age)</u></b>	<b>Phase-in: \$24 million for raising market rates to current 50<sup>th</sup> percentile for remainder of the state</b> (assumes implementation of comprehensive package; does not include phase-in areas; does not include school-age)
<b>7. Raise ECEAP Per Child average from \$5,591 to \$7,396 per year</b>	<b>Estimated statewide cost: \$11 million; parity with Head Start (\$9,200) would cost \$22 million</b>	